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FOLEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Prosecution is Result of Partnership Under Project Child Safe Childhood

MOBILE, AL – Foley resident, Robert William Crosbie, entered a guilty plea today to an indictment charging him with possession of child pornography and has agreed to forfeit his computer.

The facts came to the attention of the Foley Police Department when a family member inadvertently discovered the defendant's collection of child pornography on his computer. This information was provided to Agent George Glaser with the FBI. A forensic examination of the computer revealed child pornography and the case was referred for federal prosecution.

United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes praised the "cooperation" between local and federal law enforcement. "Child pornography is not a victimless crime. The image depicts the actual sexual abuse of a child. Those who collect and trade these images exploit children by fueling the demand for such heinous images and for further instances of sexual abuse," said Rhodes.

Based upon these charges, Crosbie faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, and a lifetime of supervised release following his incarceration. The Government will recommend a sentence at the high end of the applicable sentencing range under the Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Maria E. Murphy.